Ford Says Critics Of Warren Report Do a Disservice

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Washington, Oct. 6—(UPI)—Rep. Gerald R. Ford (R-Mich), the House Republican leader, who was a member of the Warren Commission, has charged that critics of the commission's report into the assassination of President John F. Kennedy were doing a disservice to the American people.

Ford commented yesterday on recent books and articles which have questioned the commission's handling of the investigation. He labelled the criticism as just "speculation."

In a statement, Ford said:

"It is becoming urgent that the American people ask themselves one key question concerning the criticism currently being levelled at the Warren Commission report: In all of the critiques, has any new evidence been introduced which would cast doubt on the findings of the Warren Commission? There is only one answer to that question, and that answer is 'no.'"

"That speculation of this kind should be used to undermine the conscientious and thorough work of the Warren Commission and members of its staff is to do a disservice to all of the American people and to the memory of the late President Kennedy," he said.